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SUBJECT: WORLD CONFERENCE TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION, GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978

1. FOLLOWING IS PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF
BULGARIA, BYELORUSSIAN SSR, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GERMAN
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, HUNGARY, MONGOLIA, POLAND, UKRAINIAN
SSR AND USSR.

DECLARATION OF THE NECESSITY OF ELIMINATING ALL AND EVERY
FORM OF RACISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

HAVING COMPREHENSIVELY DEALT WITH THE ITEMS ON THE
AGENDA, THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION (GENEVA, AUGUST 14-25, 1978), BASING ITSELF
ON THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER, ON MODERN
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ON JUSTICE, HAS ADOPTED THE FOLLOW-
ING DECLARATION:

1/ THE CONFERENCE REAFFIRMS INDORSE THE INDIGNATION OF
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THE WORLD PUBLIC AND INDEED OF THE COMMUNITY OF NATIONS AS
A WHOLE IN THE FACE OF RACISM, APARTHEID AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION IN ANY OF THEIR FORMS AND MANIFESTATIONS,
IT ALSO RESTATES THE DETERMINATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY TO ENSURE THEIR PROMPT ELIMINATION.

2/ THE CONFERENCE APPEALS ONCE AGAIN TO ALL STATES-MEMBERS

OF THE UN INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE FULLY IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAMME FOR THE DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (1973-1983), PROCLAIMED AT THE XXVII SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UN.

3/THE CONFERENCE RECALLS, THAT THE FINAL GOAL OF THE DECADE AS IT IS UNDERLINED IN THE PROGRAMME, IS "TO IDENTIFY, ISOLATE AND DISPEL THE FALLACIOUS AND MYTHICAL BELIEFS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; AND TO PUT AN END TO RACIST REGIMES".

4/THE CONFERENCE CONDEMNS RESOLUTELY THE IDEOLOGY OF RACISM AND RACIAL SUPERSTITIONS.

5/THE CONFERENCE REAFFIRMS ITS BACKING AND SOLIDARITY WITH THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WHOM THE RACIST REGIMES MAKE ACCEPT LIFE UNDER CONDITIONS OF ILLEGAL AND SHAMEFUL APARTHEID, IT REAFFIRMS ITS SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT TO THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE WHOM ISRAEL AND THE FORCES SUPPORTING IT PREVENT FROM EXERCISING THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHT TO NATIONAL SELF-DETERMINATION.

6/THE POLICY AND THE ACTIONS OF THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND OF ZIONIST ISRAELI RULERS CREATED EXPLOSIVE SITUATIONS AS WELL AS A PERMANENT ACUTE CRISIS IN THE WHOLE OF THE SOUTHERN PART OF AFRICA AND IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MIDDLE EAST AREA.

7/THE CONFERENCE NOTES THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA TO ERADICATE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND APARTHEID AND TO CREATE OF A SOCIETY WITHOUT ANY RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THIS STRUGGLE MAKES AN ESSENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE ATTAINMENT OF GOALS OF THE UNITED NATIONS.

8/THE CONFERENCE ALSO HAILS WITH ADMIRATION THE HEROIC STRUGGLE BEING WAGED BY THE ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE FOR THEIR LEGITIMATE NATIONAL RIGHTS BASED ON AND IN PURSUANCE OF THE APPROPRIATE UN DECISIONS.

9/ NOTING MASS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS ON ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, THAT HAS BEEN FIXED IN THE REPORTS OF THE UN SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION WITH REGARDS TO THE SITUATION WITH HUMAN RIGHTS ON ISRAELI OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, IN DOCUMENTS OF THE COMMISSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN RESOLUTIONS OF A NUMBER OF OTHER UN BODIES, AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, THE CONFERENCE CONDEMNS THIS MANIFESTATIONS

BY ISRAEL, THE POLICY OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

10/THE CONFERENCE REAFFIRMS THE IMMENSE MORAL AND POLITICAL
ROLE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS
WHICH DECLARE THE RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA/RSA,
NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE/ TO BE ILLEGAL AND WHICH QUALIFY
ZIONISM AS BEING A FORM A RACISM AND RACIST DISCRIMINATION
AND DIRECTED AT OVERCOMING AND ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION,
ZIONISM AND APARTHEID.

11/THE CONFERENCE FULLY REAFFIRMS THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED
BY THE INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR FOR THE ERADICATION OF
APARTHEID AND THE ASSISTANCE TO THE LIBERATING STRUGGLE IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA/HAVANNA, CUBA, MAY 24 - 28, 1977/, BY THE
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID/

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LAGOS, NIGERIA, AUGUST 22 - 26, 1977/, BY THE INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND
NAMIBIA/MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE, MAY 16-21, 1977/.

12/THE CONFERENCE DRAWS PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE ABSO-

LUTE NECESSITY TO OBSERVE STRICTLY AND TO CARRY OUT THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING THE PRACTICE OF RACISM IN THE SOUTH OF AFRICA AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST AREA.

13/THE CONFERENCE STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE RESOLUTION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLING ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT IN ADDITION TO RESOLUTIONS ON BANNING OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN RACIST REGIMES, A RESOLUTION BANNING OF ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ASSISTANCE TO THESE REGIMES.

THE CONFERENCE STRONGLY PROCLAIMS ITSELF AGAINST POLICY OF SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES AIMED TO AVOID THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CONCERNING SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND URGENTLY APPEALS TO ALL STATES TO IMPLEMENT STRICTLY THESE RESOLUTIONS.

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14/THE CONFERENCE NOTES WITH CONCERN THAT BLACK, INDIAN AND PUERTO RICAN POPULATION OF THE USA STILL LIVES UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.

15/THE CONFERENCE ONCE MORE DRAWS ATTENTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE FACT THAT IN A NUMBER OF WESTERN COUNTRIES MILLIONS OF MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES SUFFER FROM RACIAL AND NATIONAL DISCRIMINATION AND SUPEREXPLOITATION

16/THE CONFERENCE CALLS ON THE UN STATE MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT DONE IT YET TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE SUPPRESSION AND PUNISHMENT OF THE CRIME OF APARTHEID AND STRICTLY OBSERVE ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THESE DOCUMENTS.

17/THE CONFERENCE ALSO CALLS ON THE UN STATE MEMBERS THAT HAVE NOT DONE IT YET TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS THAT CONTAIN IMPORTANT PROVISIONS DIRECTED AGAINST RACIAL AND NATIONAL DISCRIMINATION.

18/THE CONFERENCE STRONGLY DENOUNCES ANY HELP AND ASSISTANCE - MILITARY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, MORAL, ETC. - TO THE RACIST REGIMES WHICH TAKES PLACE FROM THE PART OF A NUMBER UN MEMBER STATES AND CALLS ON, IN PURSUANCE OF THE APPROPRIATE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS, TO CEASE FORTHWITH THE RENDERING OF SUCH HELP AND ASSISTANCE.

19/THE CONFERENCE CALLS ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO
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RENDER HELP AND ASSISTANCE TO AFRICAN STATES THAT
WERE OR ARE SUBJECTED TO THE PRESSURE, THREATS OR ACTS OF
AGGRESSION FROM THE PART OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN RACIST
REGIMES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACTIONS OF THESE STATES
DIRECTED AGAINST APARTHEID AND RACIST AGGRESSION AND THE
IMPLEMENTATION BY THEM OF UN RESOLUTIONS ACTIONS AGAINST
APARTHEID.

20/THE CONFERENCE CALLS ON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
ALSO TO RENDER ALL POSSIBLE HELP TO PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE
AND ARAB STATES WHICH ARE EAGER TO BRING TO LIFE THE RES-
OLUTIONS OF THE UN WHICH ARE AIMED TO ESTABLISH JUST AND
LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL
STATES AND PEOPLES OF THIS REGION.

21/THE CONFERENCE URGES THE STATES WHERE MANIFESTATIONS
OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION HAVE NOT YET BEEN
ERADICATED TO PROMPTLY TAKE ALL THE NECESSARY LEGISLATIVE,
ADMINISTRATIVE, JUDICIAL AND ANY OTHER MEASURES IN ORDER
TO COMPLETELY LIQUIDATE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN THEIR
DOMESTIC POLICY.

22/THE CONFERENCE SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF UNESCO AND REC-
COMMEND TO INCLUDE HUMAN RIGHTS IN SECONDARY AND HIGH SCHOOL
PROGRAMMES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO EQUAL RIGHTS OF ALL
HUMAN BEINGS AND UNLAWFULNESS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATIONS.
THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT DONE IT YET, SHOULD WORK
OUT NATIONAL PROGRAMMES PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR ALL,
INCLUDING HIGH EDUCATION.

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22/THE CONFERENCE SUPPORTS THE EFFORTS OF UNESCO AND RECOMMEND TO INCLUDE HUMAN RIGHTS IN SECONDARY AND HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMMES WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO EQUAL RIGHTS OF ALL HUMAN BEINGS AND UNLAWFULNESS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATIONS. THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NOT DONE IT YET, SHOULD WORK OUT NATIONAL PROGRAMMES PROVIDING EDUCATION FOR ALL, INCLUDING HIGH EDUCATION.

23/THE CONFERENCE DRAWS SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE NECESSITY OF OUTLAWING THE PROPAGANDA OF WAR, RACISM AND APARTHEID ON A WORLD SCALE AND CALLS ON UNESCO AND ALL THE UN MEMBER STATES TO DO THEIR UTMOST FOR THE SPEEDIEST WORKING OUT OF A DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE MAIN PRINCIPLES TO GOVERN THE USE OF THE MASS MEDIA FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND FIGHTING AGAINST THE PROPAGANDA OF WAR, RACISM AND APARTHEID.

24/REALIZING THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AND DEEPENING OF DETENTE, SPECIALLY BY CURBING THE ARMS RACE AND UNDERTAKING OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES ON DISARMAMENT, CONSTITUTE CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO STRUGGLE AGAINST RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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THE CONFERENCE URGES ALL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES, ALL INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS, REDUCTION OF ARMAMENT, REFUSAL OF CREATION OF NEW TYPES OF ARMS OF MASS EXTERMINATION AND SHIFTING TO PARTIAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT.

INTERNATIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE, ALL PROGRESSIVE HUMANITY RESOLUTELY URGES SPEEDIEST LIQUIDATION OF RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN ALL ITS FORMS AND MANIFESTATIONS.

RACISM IS CONDEMNED AND DOOMED AND IT SHOULD BE ERADICATED IN SHORTEST HISTORICAL PERIOD OF TIME.

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